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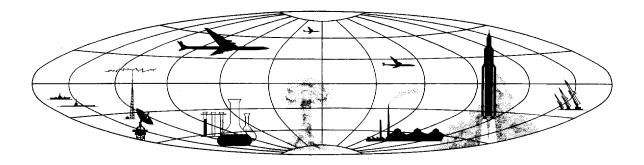








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THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3135 OF 5 NOVEMBER 1962 --

-MISSILES-

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1 2257N Ø8239W

25X1D

NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN LAUNCH FACILITIES

25X1D

SINCE

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2 2257N Ø8236W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN LAUNCH FACILITIES SINCE

UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF VEHICLES OBSERVED: IN SUPPORT AREA.

25X1D

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 1 2240N 08317W

VISIBLE AT THE SITE ARE ONE ARCH-ROOFED BUILDING, 3 BARRACKS-TYPE BUILDINGS, 18 LARGE AND SEVERAL SMALL TENTS, AND ONE MISSILE-READY TENT. AT LEAST 20 VEHICLES IN TENT AREA, AT LEAST 25 VEHICLES IN DISMANTLED LAUNCH AREA, AND AT LEAST 20 VEHICLES IN SUPPORT AREA NEAR SITE ENTRANCE. PORTIONS OF SITE ARE CLOUD COVERED.

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SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 2 2241N Ø8315W

3 LAUNCH POSITIONS VISIBLE THROUGH CLOUDS HAVE BEEN DISMANTLED. ALL 5 MISSILE-READY TENTS HAVE BEEN DISMANTLED. NO MISSILE TRAILERS, OXIDIZER TRAILERS, ERECTORS, LAUNCH STANDS, OR FUEL TRAILERS ARE VISIBLE. THE 2 AAA SITES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ARE STILL VISIBLE. VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT — APPROXIMATELY 40 TRUCKS AND 4 PROBABLE ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS.

25X1D

CAMPO FLORIDA POSS CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

SITE CONTAINS 4 VEHICLES, 2 TENTS VISIBLE THROUGH 25X1D CLOUDS. REMAINING AREA OBSCURED BY CLOUDS.

SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2309N 08156W

SITE IS OPERATIONAL. ALL PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CONSTRUCTION IS NOW COMPLETE. APPROXIMATELY 10 TENTS IN AREA. BOTH LAUNCHERS ARE REVETTED AND CANVAS-COVERED. CAMOUFLAGE NETTING OVER 2 REVETTED AREAS TO THE WEST. NETTING COVERS AREA JUST EAST OF LAUNCHERS. IN SUPPORT AREA TO SOUTH, CANVAS COVERING IS OVER TREES IN AN ORCHARD. 11 VEHICLES OBSERVED IN AREA.

25X1D

BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE 2257N Ø8317W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE OF THE TWO MISSILE-HOLD POSITIONS OBSERVED, ONE CONTAINS TWO CANVAS-COVERED TRANSPORTERS, AND THE OTHER CONTAINS THREE CANVAS-COVERED TRANSPORTERS. SCATTERED CLOUDS AND HAZE LIMIT INTERPRETATION.

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SANTA LUCIA SAM SITE 2241N Ø8355W

25X1D

TWO CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRAILERS ARE LOCATED NEAR THE LAUNCH POSITIONS. ONE OF THE TRAILERS IS LOCATED IN REVETTED LAUNCH POSITION.

NO OTHER CHANGE CAN BE DETERMINED DUE TO CLOUD SHADOW.

LOMA DE TIERRA POSS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2301N 08213W

25X1D

APPROXIMATELY 425 CARGO TRUCKS AND 10 LOWBOY TRAILERS IN OPEN STORAGE.

25X1D
25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N Ø8221W

25X1D

THREE LARGE STORAGE-TYPE BUILDINGS, AND SEVERAL SMALLER BUILDINGS.
APPROXIMATELY 20 SAM TRANSPORTERS, SEVERAL OTHER VEHICLES, AND UNIDENTIFIED EQUIPMENT IN AREA.

SANTO TOMAS SUSPECT SSM ACTIVITY 2233N Ø8351W
25X1D
NO ACTIVITY NOTED IN CLOUD-FREE PORTIONS OF AREA.

GUANAJAY TO HAVANA HIGHWAY 2255N Ø8241W

NO CONVOYS OR MILITARY ACTIVITY NOTED IN CLOUD-FREE PORTIONS OF HIGHWAY.

HAVANA AREA COASTAL HIGHWAY 2303N 08232W

NO MISSILE-ASSOCIATED CONVOYS NOTED ON CLEAR AREAS OF HIGHWAYS 2 AND 43.

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25X1D

PINAR DEL RIO TO MARIEL HIGHWAY 2224N Ø8341W

NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY NOTED ON VISIBLE PORTIONS OF HIGHWAY.

25X1D

SANTA CLARA TO HAVANA HIGHWAY 2224N Ø7958W

NO MISSILE CONVOYS NOTED ON OPEN SECTIONS OF HIGHWAY FROM HAVANA TO SECTION NEAR GUINES. 25X1D

25X2

-NUCLEAR STORAGE-

-AIRFIELDS-

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- TOTAL OF 40 INCLUDING 28 UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT, ONE PBY, ONE COLT, AND 10 DERELICTS. 25X1D

RUNWAY SERVICEABLE.

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE

25X1D

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- TOTAL OF 27 INCLUDING 3 CONSTELLATION, (2 MINUS ONE ENGINE), 3 BRITANNIA, 5 LIAISON, 5 C-46, 3 C-54, ONE B-26, AND 7 CRATE. RUNWAY SERVICEABLE.

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25X1D

NUMEROUS CRATES IN OPEN STORAGE IN AREA JUST SOUTH OF PARKING APRON. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE

25X1D

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N Ø8217W

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

APPROXIMATELY 87 TRUCKS AND SEVERAL SHIPPING CRATES ON EARTHEN SERVICE APRON NEAR WEST END OF RUNWAY.

NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE

25X1D

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.
RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. VARIOUS TYPES OF EQUIPMENT ON PARKING APRON.
AREA PARTIALLY CLOUD COVERED.

25X1D

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- TOTAL OF 4 INCLUDING 3 HOUND (2 IN AIR), AND ONE HARE. RUNWAY SERVICEABLE. CLOUD COVER PRECLUDES FURTHER DETAILS.

25X1D

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N Ø8231W

AIRCRAFT -- TOTAL OF 5 INCLUDING 3 FARMER, ONE SINGLE ENGINE, AND ONE DERELICT ARE VISIBLE. MOST OF AIRFIELD IS CLOUD-COVERED.

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SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD 2206N 08409W

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- ONLY 7 PROBABLE BEAGLE, AND ONE POSSIBLE BEAGLE FUSELAGE VISIBLE.

HAZE AND OBLIQUITY PRECLUDE FURTHER DETAILS.

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

25X1D

BAHIA HONDA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N Ø8311W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N Ø8223W

NW SITE PARTIALLY CLOUD COVERED.

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS OF STORAGE

SITES.

HAVANA, AAA DEFENSES 2305N 08216W

ONE 6-GUN OCCUPIED AAA SITE AT
25X1D 23-05-46N 082-16-08W. 3 LARGE AND 2 SMALL BUILDINGS
IN THE AREA.

MANAGUA MILITARY INSTALLATION 2258N Ø8217W

NO APPARENT CHANGE: IN CLOUD-FREE PORTION OF AREA SINCE

25X1D

MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N Ø8218W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

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MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08212W

25X1D

25X1D

ONE OF 4 BUNKERS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED UNDER CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED. NO OTHER APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

REPARTO ELECTRICO AAA SITE 2302N 08220W

25X1D

JUST SOUTH OF REPARTO ELECTRICO, 5 NM SSE OF CENTER OF HAVANA. AAA SITE WITH 6 OCCUPIED POSITIONS. THREE VEHICLE REVETMENTS ARE ALSO IN AREA.

SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2255N Ø821ØW

25X1D

A TENTS AND EXTENSIVE OPEN STORAGE PRESENT.

APPROXIMATELY 100 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES
LOCATED IN AREA. ONE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION, ONE
SMALL BUILDING, AND 15 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT LOCATED 600
YARDS SOUTH OF MAIN AREA. PERSONNEL TRENCHES
THROUGHOUT AREA. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES DETAILED
INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA. TANK PARK 2258N Ø822ØW

APPROXIMATELY 35 TANKS PARKED IN WOODED AREA. NUMEROUS SMALLER VEHICLES AND 8 SAM TRANSPORTERS NOTED.

25X1D SOVIET EMBLEMS MARKED ON GROUND APPARENTLY HAVE BEEN REMOVED.

TORRENS MILITARY CONCENTRATION 2259N Ø8228W

APPROXIMATELY 20 LARGE AND 10 SMALL TENTS, AND 15 VEHICLES ADJACENT TO REFORMATORY. APPROXIMATELY 70

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VEHICLES: 1,000 YDS SSW. 10 BARRACKS, 7 LARGE AND 9 SMALL TENTS, AND APPROXIMATELY 80 VEHICLES 500 YDS SOUTH OF REFORMATORY.
SCATTERED CLOUDS AND DARKNESS PRECLUDE: FURTHER DETAILS.

25X1D

-PORTS-

BAHIA HONDA: PORT 2255N Ø8311W

PORT FACILITIES AND VICINITY CLOUD COVERED. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY ON ACCESS ROADS.

CABANAS PORT 2259N Ø8256W

VESSELS -- ONE PC AND ONE PATROL ESCORT, PROBABLY ANTONIO MACEO-CLASS, AT OROZCO. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED ON VISIBLE ACCESS ROUTES. CABANAS PORT AND SURROUNDING AREA LARGELY CLOUD COVERED.

25X1D

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 27 CARGO VESSELS, 1 PROBABLE PF, 4 MINOR NAVAL VESSELS AND NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT.
A MODERATE AMOUNT OF UNIDENTIFIED EQUIPMENT OBSERVED ON DOCKS. HARBOR IS 30 PERCENT CLOUD COVERED.

25X1D

MARIEL NAVAL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 8 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, AND 2 FREIGHTERS.
LA BOCA PIER -- 17 ERECTORS, 45 UNIDENTIFIED CRATES
AND NUMEROUS VEHICLES OBSERVED.
PORT PARTIALLY CLOUD COVERED.

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PUNTA GERARDO, SECURED PORT FACILITY 2256N Ø8311W

CONSTRUCTION APPEARS TO BE CONTINUING ON THE 3 25X1D

BUILDINGS/SHEDS. NO OTHER APPARENT CHANGE: IN 16 VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT FACILITIES SINCE

NO APPARENT CHANGE TO LOCATED WITHIN SECURED AREA. SCATTERED CLOUDS AND HAZE

CONVOY REPORTED

LIMIT INTERPRETATION. 25X1D 25X1D

SANTA LUCIA PORT 2240N 08358W

25X1D

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE: IN VESSELS OR FACILITIES SINCE

25X1D

SURGIDERO DE BATABANO NAVAL PORT 2241N Ø8218W

VESSELS -- 2 VESSELS OBSERVED AT PIER. 25X1D

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE

-HIGH INTEREST AREAS-

SPECIAL AREA 1 2252N Ø823ØW

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY NOTED IN AREA. PORTIONS OF AREA ARE CLOUD COVERED.

25X1D

SPECIAL AREA 8 2302N 08235W

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY NOTED. SEVERAL PERSONNEL TRENCHES ON BEACH NORTH OF AIRFIELD.

SEE PLAYA BARACDA AIRFIELD. 25X1D

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SPECIAL AREA 16 2301N 08247W

NO EVIDENCE OF MILITARY ACTIVITY. PORTIONS OF AREA CLOUD COVERED.

25X1D

-LANDING BEACHES-

TARARA AREA, LANDING BEACH 2310N 08212W

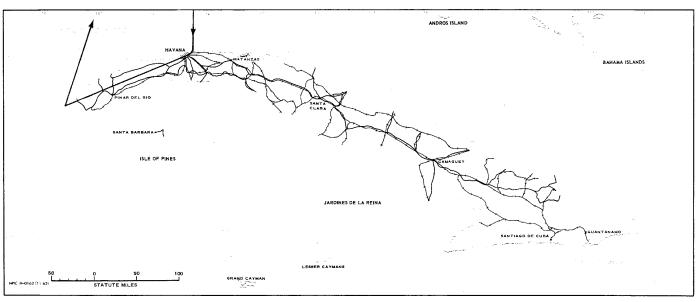
PERSONNEL TRENCHES ON THE BEACH AND EAST OF THE BEACH. NUMEROUS UNOCCUPIED AW POSITIONS AND TRENCHES IN CAMPO FLORIDA AREA, 3 NM SE. MOST OF THE AREA IS CLOUD COVERED.

25X1D

-MISCELLANEOUS-

CONSOLACION DEL NORTE SEARCH AREA 2244N Ø8332W

NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY. SEE SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITES 1
AND 2.



APPROXIMATE TRACK OF BRASS KNOB MISSION 3135, 5 NOVEMBER 1962